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Service Reservoir from the Thopambadi point of the Chowara Water-supply Scheme's Trunk Main, with a small Booster, if necessary. It was therefore dropped. The Travancore-Cochin Government suggested that only a comprehensive scheme for rebuilding the present system can give adequate water-supply to Fort Cochin. The matter is under correspondence with that Government.

"(b) Does not arise."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—"In view of the fact that the Travancore-Cochin Government did not agree to the Thopambadi Scheme, will this Government chalk out any new scheme of water-supply for Fort Cochin?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The Sanitary Engineer has suggested that an independent scheme from Alwaye river source can be executed at a cost of Rs. 23 lakhs. But the proposal for evolving this independent scheme has been deferred, till a final decision is arrived at regarding the Chowara Water-supply Scheme. In this connection I may tell the hon. Gentleman that my gallant Colleague sitting on my right is having some high-level talk with the Finance Minister of the Travancore-Cochin State."

Permission to Board Elementary School teachers to serve as Branch Postmasters.

* 299 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Collector of Salem district issued orders during 1954 forbidding teachers under the District Board, Salem, from working as Postmasters?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Yes. But the Government have since issued instructions that the existing system of permitting Board Elementary School teachers to serve as Branch Postmasters may be continued."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—"இந்த உத்திரவு சேலத்தில் மட்டும்தானா? அல்லது மாகாணம் பூராவுமா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The situation arose in Salem. But this order refers to the entire State."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—"If this system is continued, will it not interfere with the ordinary teaching of children by these teachers?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"No, Sir, this is an off-time work."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—"I do not think that a general rule permitting the elementary school teachers to work also as postmasters will be helpful. I think it will be better if

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particular cases are examined and the teachers in these cases are permitted to act as postmasters because these teachers are likely to be transferred and when one is transferred, what is to happen to the work of postmaster? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I do not think the transfer will affect the work. When a teacher is transferred, the substitute who comes in his place, will attend to the work of the branch postmaster.''

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—'' Owing to the unemployment prevalent in the State, why not the Government allow teachers to be appointed as postmasters? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The question must be put in the Lok Sabha. Appointments of postmasters are made by the Central Government and not by this Government.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' But this Government are asking our teachers to attend to that work also.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' This Government can recommend to the Central Government that the teachers may do that work also. But the appointment of postmasters should be done by the Central Government and questions concerning the appointment of postmasters should be asked in the Lok Sabha since it is a Central subject.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' Are the Government and the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that based on the recent orders of the Collector and the Special Officer of the District Board, even the private managements in Malabar have resorted to dismissing a number of teachers and the teachers have made representation to the District Educational Officer and the Government also? Will the Government be pleased to consider their cases and re-appoint those teachers if they have already been dismissed.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' When it comes to my notice, I shall look into the matter.''

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—'' In view of the fact that these small schoolmasters have been getting supplementary income by way of these postmaster's jobs, will the Government be pleased to grant them some more concession in this line? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I am glad the hon. Member has brought out the need for improving the status of the elementary school teacher and for the teachers getting some supplementary income. It is true that these schoolmasters get some supplementary income by way of their acting as branch postmasters. Let hon. Members realize

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that by allowing these school masters to act as branch post-masters, we are giving them some supplementary income.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Questions over.''

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' Sir, I move—

'*That the order of business be changed in such a way that items* (3), (4), (5) *and* (6) *under II-A—Bills and items* (1), (2) *and* (8) *under II-B—Resolutions be taken up first.*'

'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இன்று காலை உங்கள் அறையில் எல்லாக் கட்சித் தலைவர்களும், சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவரும் ஒன்று கூடிப் பேசி ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்திருக்கிறோம். அதற்கு இணங்க இன்றைய தினம் விவாதத்திற்கு வரக்கூடிய உத்தியோகப் பற்றற்ற மசோதாக்களை எல்லாம் ஒத்திவைத்துவிட்டு, introduce பண்ணுவதற்காக வந்திருக்கிற மசோதாக்களை மாத்திரம் move பண்ணிவிட்டு பின்னர் உத்தியோகப் பற்றற்ற தீர்மானங்களை விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

'' அதோடுகூட உத்தியோகப்பற்றற்ற தீர்மானங்களில் முதல் தீர்மானம் ஸ்ரீ வி. வேணுகோபால கிருஷ்ணசுவாமி அவர்களால் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அவர் காங்கிரஸ் கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்தான். அவர் இன்றைக்கு வாராததால் அதே வாசகம் அடங்கிய தீர்மானத்தைக் கொடுத்திருக்கும் ஸ்ரீ பி. சொக்கலிங்கம் அவர்களுடைய கடைசித் தீர்மானத்தை முதலிலும், பின்னர் இரண்டாவதாக ஸ்ரீ ரத்தினம் கொடுத்திருக்கும் தீர்மானத்தையும் எடுத்துக் கொள்வோம். அத்தோடு இன்றைய விவாதத்திற்கு மூன்றாவது தீர்மானமாக ஸ்ரீ கே. பி. கோபாலன் கொடுத்திருககும் 8-வது தீர்மானத்தையும் விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்வதாக ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்திருக்கிறோம். அப்படி எடுத்துக்கொள்ள சபையின் அனுமதியைக் கோருகிறேன். சபை அதற்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

'' நேரம் சம்பந்தமாக முதல் இரண்டு தீர்மானங்களுக்கும் $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$ மணி நேரம் கொடுத்துவிட்டு, ஸ்ரீ கே. பி. கோபாலனின் தீர்மானத்திற்கு அதாவது எட்டாவது தீர்மானத்திற்கு அரை மணி நேரம் கொடுக்கலாமென்றும் நான் சொல்லிக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' I second it, Sir.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' To-day is Friday. We adjourn at 1 p.m. and meet at 3 p.m. So we have only three hours left. Mr. Kalyana-sundram has moved a motion that we take up consideration of the three resolutions (1), (2) and (8). That means we have to devote one hour for each since we have only three hours left. Because of the hon. Member's motion, the Bills given notice of by Sri N. K. Palanisamy and Sri M. Narayana Kurup will be formally introduced but detailed consideration of the Bills will be postponed. Am I correct? ''